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### 1 [Safety Town Hall Meeting at Hollenbeck Station \(2/13\)](#)

Thu Feb 6, 2014 11:12 pm (PST) . Posted by: asncalert

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
HOLLENBECK DIVISION

HOSTING  
A Town Hall Meeting on

Thursday – February 13, 2014

6:00 PM – 8:00PM

2111E. First Street

The Hollenbeck Community Police Station

- \* To discuss the recent shooting on 2-03-14
- \* Meet the Officers and Detectives
- \* Get a crime update about your community
- \* Discuss your concerns with your officers

For more information contact:

Officer Dan Rios  
Senior Lead Officer

at

213 793-0753

or

Sgt. Minh Nguyen  
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## 2 Net Cemetery

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It's a brilliant, shivery, stunning idea.

A late, beloved someone has left you something — or maybe many things: tangible mementos in addition to memories...meaning beyond monetary worth. How to honor the person and value the legacies?

Dudley Saunders can help.

The musician/performer's new transmedia show In These Boxes <http://www.intheseboxes.com/> at the stately Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, uses live music, narratives and video art of bequeathed possessions to celebrate the dead through their detritus. Don't think of this as kitsch; it's more like church.

Saunders also offers, as he puts it: "An online cemetery for things the dead left us." You can add items to a virtual memory wall by taking a photo and posting it to Instagram with the hashtag #InTheseBoxes. Or, send the photo, with or without story, to Saunders (<http://dudleysaunders.com/contact/> <http://dudleysaunders.com/contact/>) who will incorporate the pieces into the show, which will be performed around the country in the upcoming year.

And unlike a gravesite, you can visit whenever you want.

IN THESE BOXES — Sat, Feb 8 @ 8pm; \$8-\$10 — Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock, 2225 Eagle Rock Blvd, LA 90041. Get tix HERE [http://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/491133?utm\\_medium=bks&wrKey=FE57E6D1C33F0906F48437ED75A200CF](http://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/491133?utm_medium=bks&wrKey=FE57E6D1C33F0906F48437ED75A200CF)

<http://uwant2gogo.com/tag/in-these-boxes/>

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### **3 A third of an inch in rain on Thursday**

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A third of an inch in rain on Thursday, per the Mt. Washington weather station:

<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?s=mtw&d=now&span=24hours>

Date / Time RAIN TEMP  
(PST) INCHES DEG F  
2/6/2014 10:00 0.93 56  
2/6/2014 11:00 0.93 56  
2/6/2014 12:00 0.93 56  
2/6/2014 13:00 1.52  
2/6/2014 14:00 1.04 52  
2/6/2014 15:00 1.12 51  
2/6/2014 16:00 1.21 50  
2/6/2014 17:00 1.24 49  
2/6/2014 18:00 1.25 49  
2/6/2014 19:00 1.25 50  
2/6/2014 20:00 1.26 50  
2/6/2014 21:00 1.26 50

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**4 GLASSELL PARK N C GENERAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS  
MEETING AGENDA Tues**

Thu Feb 6, 2014 11:13 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GENERAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday February 18, 2014 7pm – 9:30pm

Glassell Park Community & Senior Center

3750 N. Verdugo Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. The timelines indicated are for the purposes of moving agenda items along only and do not constitute official times to discuss and/or take actions on items presented. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at Super A Foods Store 2925 Division Street, Glassell Park Post Office 3950 Eagle Rock Blvd., Out Of The Closet 2425 N. San Fernando Road, Public Storage 3810 Eagle Rock Blvd., and Glassell Park Recreation Center 3650 Verdugo Road. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

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1. Welcome and Introductions (7:00 p.m.)

2 Acceptance/Review of GPNC GCS Mtg. Min. for January 21, 2014. (If provided)

3. Official/Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max.)

4. Board Member Comment (Non-Agenda Items) (2 Min. Max.)

5. Chair, Ruby DeVera to Commence Board Business in Memoriam/ of the Father of Jose A. Rodriguez, Cd01 Deputy District Director

A. Glassell Park Community Presentations

1. NELA Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC) Update, (15 min)  
KCET digital media project in partnership with students from The Los Angeles River School as part of our online documentary series entitled [ <http://www.kcet.org/socal/departures>]. We are working closely with community members, and youth to identify strategies and ideas in the ongoing revitalization of the Los Angeles River and the surrounding neighborhoods in Northeast Los Angeles. Ideas currently highlighted on (<http://www.kcet.org/socal/departures>) Departures Youth Voices website along with other articles the students have written.

Rubi Fragoso, KCET Link TV Public Media Departures Youth Voices 2900 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91505  
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2. Lisette Covarrubias, DONE Regional Project Mgr. (213) 978-1551 Update on GPNC Office Lease, Copier Services, Funding Issues and Election's Status and Input.

3. Neighborhood Council Board Business (7:45 p.m.)

a. Instruct Board Member to Comply with LA City Ethics and Open Government (<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>); completed Certifications to be turned into GPNC Office Mgr.

b. Accept Nominations of up to 10 Alternate Representatives as per "GPNC Standing Rules."

c. Update from LA River Pilot Program/Committee Liaison, Mike Divic.

d. Update from LA Mayor's Budget Liaison's, Art Camarillo

e. Motion/Resolution to Support "Parent United 4 Better Educ. & Fletcher ES" Town Hall Mtg. On Pest & Vermin, Celina Pinto

f. Motion/Resolution for to develop a "Senior's Adhoc Committee", Gladys Pinto-Muñoz

g. Motion/Resolution to Support Recommendation on LADWP Rate Increases and/or BPW Measures Tony Butka

h. Update with LA Opinion Article Re: Editorial Content & Witnesses, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz, Gloria Castro

(<http://www.laopinion.com/noticias-locales/glassell-park-pasa-del-control-pandillas-tranquilidad>)

Residents from the Fletcher Square Neighborhood (Formerly Drew-Estara) have raised concerns about an article published in La Opinion with names of Community Activists in the area and Minors placing them in danger or retaliation. The LAPD and Area 1 Rep. have been requested by the Board to look into the matter and report on the measures taken to rectify this matter. The residents and families

are Partners with the GPNC and continue to improve the overall area and support Neighborhood activities such as the Chapman Street Vining Improvement Project, et.al.

i. Motion/Resolution to approve up to \$1,000 for CIP with CD14 Regarding "Box Art" on Municipal Boxes in GPNC Area 7 and Area 5.

(<http://www.boyleheightsbeat.com/utility-boxes-along-first-street-become-public-art-canvases-for-localartists-3191>)

The GPNC, Office of Cd14 Councilmember Jose Huizar, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) have teamed up to bring New Art to all the utility boxes in the Cd14 district intersections throughout the Community. The installation of "Box Art" is in line with the Mural Ordinance recently approved by City Council. The Utility Box Art Project is an expression of local artist and community spirit which seeks funding, participation, and city approval prior to installation. Murals have already made their debut in Boyle Heights and the LA Downtown Districts. Non-profit groups, CBO's, and Schools and Churches are encouraged to submit their ideas to the GPNC and Cd14.

j. Motion/Resolution to submit Letter of Support for ESAT at VDK Campus Site. (Van De Kamp's Coalition v. Board of Trustees of Los Angeles Comm. College District (Case No. BS129238)

<http://www.rmmenvirolaw.com/2012/06/second-district-court-of-appeal-holds-that-challenge-to-project-is-time-barredsince-statute-of-limitations-starts-running-with-initial-lease-approval-not-subsequent-execution-of-lease>

Quick Overview: The project at issue involved the two-acre Van de Kamp's Bakery building site (Building) in Los Angeles which the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) purchased in 2001 to construct a community college. After efforts were waged to save the VDK Site as a Historical Resource, an EIR update and to addenda by LACCD were prepared to analyze the impacts of the community college in the surrounding vicinity.

In 2008, the LACCD realized that due to state budget cuts, it would be unable to operate the campus. In 2009, in order to use the site for educational purposes, the LACCD Board adopted resolutions approving an interim use of the property and authorized a five-year lease of the Building to an outside tenant (Resolutions). The LACCD Board, however, decided that the lease agreement did not warrant additional environmental review, since the site would be used for the same educational functions contemplated in the EIR update and

addenda

In 2010, appellant filed suit against the Board, challenging the adequacy of 2009 actions (CEQA I). Following the filing of CEQA I, in 2010, LACCD undertook additional actions furthering its Resolutions. These actions included leasing a portion of one building for employment training, adding indemnification provisions to the Purchase Agreement, and amending a contract to allow for additional architectural services. When the trial court denied appellant's motion for CEQA I, appellant filed a second petition (CEQA II) challenging the 2010 actions. LACCD thereafter filed demurrers for CEQA I and CEQA II petition claiming it was time-barred. The trial court sustained the demurrer without leave to amend and the appellate court upheld the trial court's decision.

In conclusion, the court found that the 2010 actions were merely mechanisms for implementing the 2009 Resolutions. As such, they did not re-trigger the 180-day statute of limitations. That statute had run, and appellant's action was therefore time-barred. And therefore the VDK's Board of Trustee' is currently reviewing the renewal of their lease for the educational facility, in the Glassell Park - Fletcher Square Neighborhood of council districts 1 and 13 as the Environmental Sciences And Technology Charter Alliance commonly referred to as ESAT.

4. Report and Recommendations from Treasurer, (Channa Grace) (7:45 p.m.)
  - a. Update on 2013 – 2014 FY Funding Balances, Pending and/or Remaining Funds Available
5. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Reports/Updates (8:00 p.m.)
  - a. Report/Recommendations>Status/Update By-Elections Adhoc Committee, (if any). (Art Camarillo)
    - 1) Motion/Resolution to approve additional funding up to \$1,000 for postcard mailing and outreach for the 2014 Regional Elections.
    - 2) Motion/Resolution to approve GPNC Elections Material Brochures and Outreach Ref. Material..
    - b. Report/Recommendations>Status/Update Website Ad-Hoc Committee, (if any). (Andre Sahakian)
      1. Phase I – Enhancement of the Webpage Look, Content, and Graphics-Attractive Welcome Page.
  2. Update on Twitter, Facebook, and other Applications, if any.
    - c. Economic Development and Land Use Committee Recommendations and Updates, (Andy Montealegre)  
(All Cases may be viewed via [http://planning.lacity.org/cts\\_internet/](http://planning.lacity.org/cts_internet/) . Action Items may require a Board Action/Motion/Resolution to Adopt/Letter of Approval/Denial and/or Recommendations)
      - 1). Address: 3835 N. Cazador St. Case No. DIR-2013-3690-ZAA-SPP  
Project Description; Construction of a new 2-story single family dwelling, 4,775 project area with yard reductions.
      - 2). Update on Community Cross-walks in CD01, CD13, and CD14.
      - 3). Update on Left Turn Signals at Fletcher Drive and San Fernando Road
      - 4). Update on Left Turn Signals at Fletcher Drive and Estara Avenue.

5). Update on Public Safety Cross-walks in CD01, CD13, and CD14.

6). Update/Status: LAPD Station/Northeast Division - Construction of a New Station w/ 21 Pkg. Spaces  
Address: 3353 W. San Fernando Rd – Feb./March 2014 tentative ground breaking.

7). Update/Status: Goodwill Southern California Community Enrichment Center  
Address: 3150 San Fernando Road in the Fletcher Square Neighborhood (Old K-Mart Site)

8). Update/Status: NELA Union - Mixed-Use 52-unit condominium with 117 parking spaces  
Address: 3901 Eagle Rock Boulevard (Masonry Builder's Site)

9). Update/Status: Verizon Wireless Tower & Community Marker Tree Trimming/Visual Block  
Address: 2910 N San Fernando Road

10). People Street Project Idea: Eagle Rock Boulevard Median Park Btwn. Avenue 35 and Avenue 36

A Proposal for a portion of Eagle Rock Boulevard between Avenue 35 and Avenue 36 with a single lane of traffic in each direction to inspire greater community engagement simply by its visibility, and encourage more passive and active neighborly interactions in line with Mayor Garcetti's People Streets program" for the Community of Glassell Park. (<http://la.streetsblog.org/2013/10/23/people-street-project-idea-eagle-rock-boulevard-median-park/>)

- d. Grants & Funding Committee Report/Recommendations/Status/Updates, (if any), Bradley
- e. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Law Committee, (if any). (Tony Butka)
- f. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Budget and Finance Committee, (if any). (Channa Grace)
- g. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update from Outreach and Communication Committee, (if any). (Bradley)
- h. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update By-Elections Adhoc Committee, (if any). (Art Camarillo)
- i. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Education Ad-Hoc Committee, (if any). (Baltazar Vega)
- j. Report/Recommendations/Status/Update Legislative Ad Hoc Committee, (if any). (Mike Divic)

5. Area Representative Updates

- a. Area 1, Bradley - Town Hall Mtg. for FDES, Right Turn signal, Overview on Cd13 Town Hall Mtg.
- b. Area 2, Maggie Darett-Quiroz
- c. Area 3, Crystal-Lynne Orozco
- d. Area 4, Maggie Lopez-Robles
- e. Area 5, Arlene Santos - CIP with CD14 Regarding Artwork on Municipal Boxes
- f. Area 6, Martin Gregori - CIP with CD14 Regarding Artwork on Municipal Boxes
- g. Area 7, Gladys Pinto-Muñoz

6. Business Representative Updates (9:15pm)

7. Organizational Representative Updates

8. Educational Representative Updates

9. Faith-Based Representative Updates, (Art Camarillo)

10. Announcements/Public Comments

11. New Community Activities/Business & Developments/Issues and/or Concerns:

12. Adjourn (9:30pm)

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## 5 Ribbon Cutting for Colorado Blvd Flashing Crosswalks!

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<http://tinyurl.com/mjvuy32>

## Northeast Community Newsletter

Eagle Rock residents Rosalie and ray Sherwood cross Colorado Boulevard at Glen Iris Avenue using the new flashing crosswalk!

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### Ribbon Cutting for Colorado Boulevard Flashing Crosswalks!

Saturday, February 8th

11:00 AM

Crosswalk at Hermosa Ave & Colorado Blvd (near the Women's Club at 5105 Hermosa Ave)

Join Councilmember Jose Huizar as he cuts the ribbon on Colorado Boulevard's new flashing crosswalks! Together, we will celebrate the installation of Los Angeles's first Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), as well as Colorado's transition to safer, more pedestrian friendly street!

Check out the below article for more information on the RRFBs and the Colorado Blvd improvements.

Please don't hesitate to call Councilmember Huizar's Northeast field office with any questions. You can reach us at (323) 254-5295.

**Metro Area's First RRFB Crosswalks Installed in Eagle Rock**  
Flashing, pedestrian-activated crosswalks installed as part of Councilmember Huizar's plan – working with DOT & community – to slow down traffic, add bike lanes & improve Colorado Blvd

(LOS ANGELES) January 31, 2014 – Councilmember Huizar announced today that three Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) have been installed at crosswalks on Colorado Boulevard in Eagle Rock as part of a comprehensive "Complete Streets" plan to improve safety, add bike lanes and increase pedestrian access for local businesses.

The RRFBs (flashing crosswalks) were installed by the City's Department of Transportation (LADOT) and funded by the Office of Councilmember Huizar and Measure R funds – they are the first such crosswalks in the Los Angeles Metro area. Councilmember Huizar also provided funding for the construction of additional median space to accommodate two new Colorado Boulevard crosswalks that he helped add to the street. The RRFBs were added to the two new crosswalks at El Rio Avenue and Glen Iris Avenue. Another RRFB was added to an existing crosswalk at Hermosa Avenue.

In October, buffered bike lanes were installed on Colorado Boulevard, as well as the two

new crosswalks and median improvements from the Glendale Freeway (2 Fwy) to Figueroa Street.

"These new flashing crosswalks are going to greatly enhance the safety on Colorado Boulevard and are a welcome addition to all the other improvements on the street," said Councilmember Huizar. "A big thanks to our city departments for working with us on this project and especially the community-based 'Take Back the Boulevard' initiative. Efforts like these add to Eagle Rock's small town feel – a well-earned reputation that has put the community on the map as one of the top neighborhoods in the entire nation."

Real estate brokerage firm Redfin recently named Eagle Rock the Nation's Number 2 "hottest" community to live in.

The improvements on Colorado Boulevard come after years of collaboration among Councilmember José Huizar, the Take Back the Boulevard initiative and other community organizations, LADOT and the Bureau of Street Services. Numerous community meetings were held to hear public feedback, much of which found its way into the street's final re-design.

Colorado Boulevard improvements include:

- Lane reduction along the boulevard from six lanes to four lanes to slow traffic down and accommodate the additional upgrades.
- Two new crosswalks on Colorado Boulevard at El Rio Avenue and Glen Iris Avenue.
- Installation of buffered bike lanes on Colorado Boulevard.
- Installation of over 60 bike racks at locations requested by local businesses.
- Modifying the median striping along Colorado Boulevard to allow for vehicles to safely make left hand turns onto side streets.

Councilmember Huizar is one of the City's biggest "Complete Streets" proponents, piloting programs in CD14 to bring the first parklets and bike corrals to the City, which are now part of LADOT's People Street program.

He has also improved public and multi-modal access to the main corridors throughout his district – including the recently announced Road Diet for his Bringing Back Broadway initiative, bike lanes and new parks in Downtown, upgrades he facilitated on the First Street Arts Corridor in Boyle Heights, and the York and Huntington Drive Vision Plans Huizar led in Highland Park and El Sereno.

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#### Keep Us Informed!

Do you have an important announcement or news item that should be shared with the Northeast Los Angeles community? Please forward any announcements to [nate.hayward@lacity.org](mailto:nate.hayward@lacity.org). Additionally, please feel free to share our newsletter throughout all of your networks.

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## **6 EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WED, FEB**

Thu Feb 6, 2014 11:13 pm (PST) . Posted by:[asncalert](#)

Información en Español acerca de esta junta puede ser obtenida llamando al (213) 978-1300  
EAST LOS ANGELES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014, 4:30 P.M.  
RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER  
4580 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90065

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**POLICY FOR DESIGNATED PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S) No 3.**

Pursuant to the Commission=s general operating procedures, the Commission at times must necessarily limit the speaking times of those presenting testimony on either side of an issue that is designated as a public hearing item. In all instances, however, equal time is allowed for presentation of pros and cons of matters to be acted upon. All requests to address the Commission on public hearing items must be submitted prior to the Commission's consideration of the item.

**EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STAFF.**

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3. ZA-2013-1016-CUB-1A

CEQA: ENV-2013-1017-ND Council District: 14

Plan: Northeast Los Angeles

Expiration Date: 2/12/14 extended

Appeal Status: Not further appealable

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Location: 5404 East York Boulevard

**Requested Action:**

An appeal of the decision of the Zoning Administrator to deny, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.24-W,1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Conditional Use to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,122 square-foot gas station mini-mart with hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily in the [Q]C2-1XL Zone; and the decision to not adopt the recommendation of the lead agency to adopt Negative Declaration ENV-2013-1017-ND as the environmental clearance for this action.

APPELLANT: Serozh and Paytsar Davityan

Representative: Ben Safyari

APPELLANT: Same as above

**Recommended Action:**

1. Deny the appeal.

2. Sustain the action of the Zoning Administrator to deny a Conditional Use to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,122 square-foot gas station mini-mart with hours of operation from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily in the [Q]C2-1XL Zone.

3. Adopt the Findings of the Zoning Administrator.

4. Not adopt the recommendation of the Lead Agency to adopt Negative Declaration ENV-2013-1017-ND as the environmental clearance for this action.

Staff: Maya E. Zaitzevsky (213) 978-1416

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Area Planning Commission shall provide an opportunity in open meetings for the public to address it, on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Area Planning Commission. (This requirement is in addition to any other hearing required or imposed by law.) Persons making requests are encouraged to do so in writing and should submit 10 copies to the Area Planning Commission for its

consideration.

Persons wishing to speak must submit a speaker's request form prior to the commencement of the public comment period. Individual testimony within the public comment period shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per subject.

The next regular meeting of the East Los Angeles Area Planning Commission will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at  
Ramona Hall Community Center  
4580 North Figueroa Street,  
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## **7 Get Your Earlybird Tickets for Our Sweet 16 Bike Prom by Tomorrow, F**

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Let's party like it's 1998! That was the year that Tara Lipinski skated to Gold at the Nagano Olympics, Matt and Ben became our new celebrity crushes, and Britney Spears debuted "... Baby One More Time." 1998 also marks the birth of LACBC, making 2014 the year that we celebrate our Sweet 16!

Get your earlybird tickets by tomorrow to save some money!

Sweet 16 Bike Prom Benefiting LACBC

When: Saturday, February 22; 8:00 p.m. to 12 midnight

Where: American Legion Hall Post 206 - 227 N. Ave. 55, Highland Park

Purchase tickets: Purchase tickets here. Earlybird tickets are \$8 for LACBC members and \$16 for nonmembers if purchased by February 7th. Each ticket includes one raffle ticket.

RSVP and spread the word via our Facebook event.

You're invited to our second annual Bike Prom, where we'll be dancing, crowning the bike prom queens and kings, having a mega raffle, taking our official prom photos (check out photos from last year), and dressing in our best late-'90s attire.

We've now confirmed our DJs and special guests: DJs Skramble, Trickmilla and Evan C, PLUS a special set from electronic pop artist (and former LACBC Outreach Coordinator) La Muff!

Need some late-'90s inspiration? Check out this 1998 pop culture retrospective from Vulture.

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## **8 Taylor Yard Bridge Proposed Concept Design Meeting 2/27**

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Council Member Cedillo & Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division  
Invites you to a Community Meeting to seek public input, ideas and suggestions about a proposed bikeway/pedestrian bridge over the Los Angeles River between Cypress Park and Elysian Valley  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Cypress Park Recreation Center  
2630 Pepper Avenue, Cypress Park, CA 90065

For more information, please contact Sergio Infanzon  
At (213)785-4886 or [sergio.infanzon@lacity.org](mailto:sergio.infanzon@lacity.org)

COUNCILMEMBER Gilbert Cedillo  
1st Council District

## **9 Lincoln Park landmark gateway gets some TLC but what about Flo?**

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Repairs underway at the Lincoln Park Gateway

[http://www.theeast siderla.com/2014/02/lincoln-park-landmark-gateway-gets-some-tlc-but-what-about-flo/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+TheEast siderLa%28The+Eastsider+LA%29](http://www.theeast siderla.com/2014/02/lincoln-park-landmark-gateway-gets-some-tlc-but-what-about-flo/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheEast siderLa%28The+Eastsider+LA%29)

Damaged Florence Nightingale statue goes unrepaired

It was three years ago that Lincoln Heights residents celebrated the \$390,000 restoration of the The Lincoln Park Gateway, an Art Deco-style ceremonial entrance on the north edge of Lincoln Park. On Wednesday, conservation workers were back at the gateway scraping mineral deposits off the decorative tile and preparing to patch and fill holes in a maintenance and repair project that could take about a week to complete, according to one worker. But while the gateway on the north side of the park was getting some TLC, on the south side of Lincoln Park, another landmark remained broken and neglected.

A statue of Florence Nightingale, one of the pioneers of modern nursing, looks could also use some repairs. The hands of the 1937 statue that had been broken off several years earlier have been replaced by a new set that are attached to the figure's arm's with wire. The statue that overlooks Lincoln Park Lake looks better than it did seven years ago in a video that shows it covered with graffiti and its hands broken off. The remarks on the video offer some hope that "Flo" will eventually see better days:

At 70 years old she looks pretty bad. Her hands and her trusty lamp are missing. She has been vandalized and restored more than once here at Lincoln Park. I bet her missing parts are in the bottom of the lake. Hope this starts a "Save the Flo" campaign.

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## 10 **New public initiative by Highland Park Heritage Trust**

Thu Feb 6, 2014 11:21 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

From: Louisa Van Leer <[l.vanleer@pacbell.net](mailto:l.vanleer@pacbell.net) mailto:[l.vanleer@pacbell.net](mailto:l.vanleer@pacbell.net)>

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2014

Subject: Hi and a new public initiative by Highland Park Heritage Trust

To: Monica Alcaraz <[malcaraz13@gmail.com](mailto:malcaraz13@gmail.com) mailto:[malcaraz13@gmail.com](mailto:malcaraz13@gmail.com)>

Hi Monica and Happy Rain!

The Highland Park Heritage Trust is working on a new public initiative to create a vibrant cultural district within an easy 15 minute walking radius of the Southwest Museum Goldline Station. We are calling it "the Living Museum: Sycamore Grove," and it features five cultural institutions plus lots of fascinating history, packed into a very walkable district. The Living Museum (a museum without walls) will host events and walking tours through out the year as well as have a strong web presence to facilitate self guided exploration and educational outreach, perfect for school field trips.

Save the date: Our Inaugural event is on Saturday, March 8th. We will be launching a walking tour extravaganza of the district. Later in the year a second event will be held on June 1st for Lummis Day. Please see the attached draft poster that includes a map

I thought it would be nice to present this to the Neighborhood Council since we would love to have your support and feedback. What do you think?

Perhaps you can put us on the agenda for the February 20th meeting? I just realized you also have a meeting tonight - total last minute - but I could say something brief, if that would be better.

We are launching a website and Facebook page early next week. CD1 has been very supportive of the project as well many other institutions you'll see on the poster, with more coming aboard. We are outreaching to Cultural Affairs as well. Our immediate needs are a seal of approval :) as we build community support for our program and promotional help. The Living Museum idea is actually very economical as a start up because we are using infrastructure that is already here and we have no walls! . What we need is to build a compelling brand identity to help boost awareness of all the wonderful institutions residing within the Living Museum. Our largest future expense will be to get a great website up that will feature walking tour maps and apps and help steer users via Metro to our district.

Very Best,

Louisa Van Leer, Vice President  
Highland Park Heritage Trust  
PH: 323-633-497

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## 11 Lummis Day Film Night Presents "Detained in the Desert" and "Sacred

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Lummis Day Film Night Presents  
"Detained in the Desert" and "Sacred Journey,"  
Two Films About Dramatic Life Passage  
Saturday, February 22, 7:00 PM at the Church on York

"Detained in the Desert" and "Sacred Journey," two very different inspirational films by Northeast L.A. filmmakers, both dramatically depicting passages through adversity, will be presented at this year's Lummis Day Film Night beginning 7pm on Saturday, February 22 at the Church on York performance space, 4904 York Boulevard in Highland Park. Tickets for the event are \$15 with all proceeds supporting this year's annual Lummis Day Festival.

Filmmakers of both movies will present their films and will answer questions from the audience. Lummis Day's film night curator, filmmaker Patrick Perez, will host the evening.

"Detained in The Desert," Iliana Sosa's debut feature as a director, was co-written and executive produced by Josefina Lopez, creator of the critically acclaimed hit, "Real Women Have Curves." "Detained in the Desert" draws parallels between two diametrically opposed people. Sandi, a second-generation dark-skinned Latina and Lou Becker, an inflammatory talk show radio host, unexpectedly find their lives converging in the desert of Arizona. As the film's story unfolds, these two people-- on opposite sides of the immigration debate-- discover their humanity and the true plight of migrants making the dangerous crossing across the Arizona desert.

"Detained in The Desert" had its world premiere to widespread acclaim in October at the Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival. The film was produced by Real Women Have Curves Studio, an independent production company founded by Josefina Lopez whose mission is to make films that celebrate women of all shapes and sizes and reveal the authentic stories of Latinos in the U.S. "Detained in the Desert" is the new studio's debut film.

Preceding "Detained in the Desert," the Lummis Day Foundation is proud to present "Sacred Journey," a film by another Northeast L.A. filmmaker, Ernesto Quintero. "A Sacred Journey" is the story of a man struggling with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) who shocks his family when he expresses his desire to give a mural to his community. With six months left to live, he embarks on a journey that allows his vision to be painted on the wall so that he may be forever remembered. As the mural slowly comes alive, the disease attacks his body with increasing ferocity and he faces the specter of a bedridden life, dependent on an artificial ventilator and a feeding tube without the ability to eat, speak or move. The completion of the mural becomes a race between the ravages of the disease and the energies of all who are involved in its creation.

Tickets for the event may be purchased via Paypal at [www.LummisDay.org](http://www.LummisDay.org) <http://www.LummisDay.org>, at the door or at local businesses Antigua Coffee House, 3400 North Figueroa Street and Galco's Old World Grocery, 5702 York Boulevard. All proceeds will help support the 9th annual Lummis Day: The Festival of Northeast Los Angeles

The Lummis Day Film Night is presented by the Lummis Day Community Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) California Corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the

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## 12 **Reporter's notebook: Story about cross-class friendships among kids**

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Deepa Fernandes | February 6th, 2014, 6:15am

<http://www.scpr.org/blogs/education/2014/02/06/15777/reporter-s-notebook-story-about-cross-class-friend/>

Dana Contreras and Lulu Mykytyn are 3rd graders at Aldama Elementary in Highland Park. They have been friends since kindergarten.

There is no doubt Courtney Mykytyn loves her Highland Park house. The character of the old building, the views, the extra space.

But this beautiful hillside home is also at the heart of a very big conflict for her.

Mykytyn, an anthropologist, and her husband, Roman, a film and TV editor, moved to Highland Park 16 years ago intentionally to live in a diverse neighborhood – and ultimately to give their children the kind of upbringing that would immerse them in a world populated with people of all kinds of backgrounds and financial means.

But when they moved from a smaller house in the neighborhood to this three-bedroom place six months ago, they struggled with something their middle-class peers in more homogenous neighborhoods did not.

"How do you not make [your kids] feel bad about what they do have, but then then keep it on the down-low without feeling guilty?" she asked me one recent afternoon on her couch.

This is how she ultimately explained it to her 8-year-old daughter, Lulu: "You should be grateful for the things you have in your life. Not everyone has the same stuff. So you can be happy without being braggy."

I can relate to Mykytyn's dilemma. My husband and I are middle class and have two young children. When we lived in Harlem in New York, we took for granted the kind of diverse community Mykytyn sought out.

Our close friends ranged from a single mother living in subsidized housing and recently arrived immigrants living with eight family members in a one-bedroom apartment, to friends who owned their own apartments and brownstones.

Coming to Los Angeles not quite two years ago, I learned how segregated Los Angeles can be. I, too, found myself seeking out culturally and economically diverse preschools and neighborhoods.

So when I sat in Mykytyn's living room for the first time in the fall, this story struck me personally.

The Mykytyns are among countless white, middle-class families who have changed the face of Highland Park over more than a decade. Yoga studios and valet-parking restaurants are displacing party stores and bodegas.

And that's created a struggle in Highland Park that I first heard about when I was working on a series of stories about bilingual education.

While some of the more affluent residents of Highland Park chose to send their kids to private schools or charters in other neighborhoods, others — like Mykytyn — wanted their kids to go to the local public school. But they also wanted their kids to get a good education, and Highland Park schools were low performing.

Mykytyn and a group parents joined together to convince the Los Angeles Unified School District to allow the local elementary school, Aldama, to start a dual language program. Mykytyn and other parents knew they needed as many supportive and active parents as possible if the school was to succeed. So they began organizing.

Today, Mykytyn's daughter, Lulu, has a best friend, Dana Contreras, and both are in third grade at Aldama's dual language program.

The Contreras-Mejia family moved to Highland Park around the same time as the Mykytyns did. But their lives are very different: Multiple generations in a small, two-bedroom apartment.

Dana shares a room with her parents, and her 16-year old brother shares the other bedroom with his grandmother.

The differences struck me as I spent time with Dana and Lulu on a play-date after school.

They were perched on a ledge outside Baskin-Robbins. The girls were eating ice cream, a treat from Dana's mom and a nice break in both girls' regular straight-home-to-do-homework routine. As they giggled and plotted how to get Mejia to take them to the pet store so Dana could get a hamster, Mejia noticed that Lulu had a pretty, if a little chipped, professional manicure. As Mejia cooed over how pretty her nails were, Lulu and Dana both tried to change the subject.

It seemed to me these girls understood this was an uncomfortable thing, and they clearly didn't really want to dwell on it. Later, I asked Mejia if she takes Dana to salons for manicures and Mejia said: absolutely not.

"Some things don't make sense to me," she said. "If I don't even do it for myself that often, why would do it for an 8-year-old?"

She said she'd talk to her daughter about it later – just like Mykytyn had done with her kids about striking the right tone with friends when they talked about things they have that others might not, like Lulu's gift from her grandmother of an expensive sketch book.

There were all these parallel conversations going on after and before school and play dates to make these relationships work. Teachable moments, in education-speak.

But it struck me how much easier it would be for these families to not to try to breach the socio-economic gulf.

And yet, they were doing it. Every day.

When Mejia's son, Danny, confided in me that – sure, he'd love to have his own room and not have to share with his grandmother – his mom interjected.

"I would just like to say, what does being wealthy mean? Having money doesn't mean being happy," Mejia said.

Then she told a story about getting a tax refund and going to the mall to spend the money. As she was shopping for a brand-label handbag, she realized that these material things don't make her happy.

From the look on the kids faces, it was obvious they'd heard this story before.

UCLA professor and director of the school's civil rights project, Gary Orfield, lauds these families for having the hard conversations to explain class differences to their young kids.

"There's some discomfort in crossing race and class lines, but you really do understand the reality of the world much more effectively if you do that," he said. "Children need to develop understanding and empathy that go across these lines."

There are a lot of things I learned in this story that didn't make it into the radio feature you'll hear if you click the link above.

I learned from researchers across the country that classrooms with true socio-economic diversity generally mean all the kids do better academically. Middle-class kids are not doing worse by being in class with kids from a lower income families.

I learned that children glean wonderful lessons from having deep friendships with kids who either have distinctly more or distinctly less than them - and that these are life lessons that cannot be written into some lesson plan and taught in a classroom.

And maybe, most importantly, I learned that even when feelings get hurt, or third graders or their mothers feel misunderstood or judged, some families want to keep at it. They truly value what a family that's very different from their own adds to their lives.

Deepa Fernandes, Early Childhood Development Correspondent

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